CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1800.

On the MAUSOLEUM.

(debate continued.)

MR. JOHN G. SMITH said it had been declared by some gentlemen that the reputation of Wallington might be safely confided to the record of history. Was it the duty or opinion of those gentlemen that that record was to be found in the charge of murder against that illustrious character? Was it to be found in the patriotic effusions of men who had pronounced all expressions of national gratitude a mockery of woe, and had declared that it was high time for those who were the fancied supplies of liberty to be done with such foolery; or was it to be found in the denunciations of a writer, supported by a state that perpetually boasted its regard to republicanism?

MR. HARPER could not but regret that a gentleman, who professed to lively a regard for the venerable lady alluded to, should have exhibited in this difficulties of glaring a contrast between his professions and his actions, by introducing that lady into the debate, and indelicately expressing her wishes, in reference to the place where the relics of her deceased partner should be deposited. Was it conceivable that to her the place could be of any importance? Or was it possible that this house could be enthralled by the trifling circumstance of the place *qua*, or that the paltry consideration at tending an action of trespass could be gravely introduced into such a debate. All that this venerable lady had expressed to this that accustomed from the example of her deceased friend to obey the national wishes, she submitted to that disposition of his remains Congress may make. Shall we then in violation of the plain meaning of her words, enter into whispers of hearsay respecting wishes, which from his knowledge of her good sense, he was persuaded had never been uttered.

MR. RANDOLPH rose to explain. He had neither had, nor intended to say, that he possessed any knowledge beyond what appeared on the journals; and from that knowledge he was justified in saying that Mrs Wallington's compliance, as expressed by her, was not with any wishes, but that might be expressed, but with that will which had been already expressed.

Whatever insinuations the gentleman from South Carolina may mean to convey, his feelings of respect for every woman were sacred; nor were they limited to that sex alone. He was not disposed on this occasion to use the advice of the gentleman, who judging me by his own heart, had Mr. Randolph, may imagine me capable of disrespect to the fex.

MR. HARPER wished the gentleman would avoid any further interrogatories; reserve his remarks until he was done. He did not know, nor was he concerned to enquire into the motives of the gentleman from Virginia. Such enquiry would of all others be the least profitable or interesting, either to the house or to himself. Neither had he any idea of giving advice which that gentleman would follow. He well knew that it was the misfortune of all things to give advice to one, whose own sense of propriety did not tell him what was right. Those, who were incapable of reconsidering their own minds or feelings, were not likely to receive them from any other quarter.

The feelings ascribed to Mrs. Wallington were unfounded. That lady was capable of entering into trifling disputes about place or time, such as the house had this day witnessed.

The arguments, by which the superiority of a statue to a mausoleum was attempted to be established, were fallacious. The form and features of our illustrious friend would be preserved without the erection of any statue by us. Pictures by celebrated masters, every where multiplied and caught at with avidity; and the sculptor and the painter will be employed unceasingly to keep pace with the increasing demand for portraits, may be found every where, and as perfect on the otherside of the Atlantic, as on this side.

A mausoleum would last for ages; and would present the same imperishable appearance 2,000 years hence, that it would now. Whereas a statue would only remain till some civil convulsion or foreign invasion, or flagitious conqueror, or lawless mob should dash it into atoms or till some invading barbarian should transportitas a trophy of his guilt to a foreign shore.

I have beheld, said Mr. Harper, a monument erected to a man, once confidered as the patron of America, defaced, mutilated, its head broken off, prostrated with the ground.

A Statue, erected by the legislature of Virginia to perpetuate the virtues of a man to future ages, had been destroyed.

Besides a Statue was minute, trivial, and perishable. It was a monument erected to all that crowd of estimable but subordinate perfonages, that four in a region, elevated indeed above common characters, but which was infinitely below that occupied by Wallington.

The greatest honor which this country ever has received, the greatest honor which it ever could receive, was derived from numbering with its sons the immortal Wallington.

Shall then a mistaken spirit of economy, and a ill more mistaken jealously arrest us. Honor him, it is true, we cannot. The world has charged itself with that task. Posterity as long as the world shall endure will celebrate his virtues and his talents; those virtues and talents of which every ingredient of their happiness will be a perpetual evidence. But though we cannot honor him, we may *dishonor ourselves*. Though, we cannot increase the lustre of his fame, we may blow our own meanness, towardice, spite, and malice; and the unenlightened world that we are philosophically worthy of the high honor conferred by nature in giving us a Wallington.

I am, said Mr. Harper, awfully impressed by the subject. I think under the solemnity that surrounds it. No words can reach it; mine are totally inadequate; to the feelings of the house then it must be submitted; they, after anticipating all that purpose or eloquence can say, will fall far surpass their boldest effusions.

MR. RANDOLPH was very unfortunately situated, as he was compelled to rife, not in his own defence, but in defence of the aluminated reputation of that state which he revered, since from it he derived his birth.

He will not, said Mr. Randolph, enter into an elucidation of the motives of the gentleman from South Carolina, which have produced so much asperity, and such a violence of rancour against the state of Virginia, but will confine myself to the question on engrossing the bill.

The gentleman has talked to us about disregard for the dead *in esse*. Mr. Randolph said he cared as little for the *esse mode*, as the gentleman did for the *locus in quo*.

He had farther told us that a statue might be overthrown by a licentious mob; and that this had actually been the case in the state of Virginia. But, he had to learn for I believe that there had been erected in the life time of the person it celebrated, because it had been erected under the colonial government; and, because the people were either fetter or tyranny it was broken by the revolutionary spirit that established our liberties.

But, says the gentleman, statues are fitted for subordinate men, for this island or that general, who may deserve well of their country; but who do not merit the highest distinctions of national gratitude. If this measure of raising a mausoleum is to be only a series of subordinate statues for temporary and secondary and trifling characters, it may have a very alarming influence upon us.

It is not only for a man of even less sensibility than myself, to hear in silence the state in which I was born, and one of whose representatives I am, calumniated in the strongest in which it had been that day by the gentlemen from Connecticut and South Carolina. In defence of that state, actuated by a love to it, and by a sense from any respect to the dead, not to repel any imputation of meanness of cowardice, of malice, which the gentleman from South Carolina had called *any* meaning. I suppose his own, I will inform him, and the gentleman from Connecticut, that this state was the first to celebrate the fame of the hero of America, by erecting a statue to him in the capitol at Richmond.

The gentleman from Connecticut objects to a confidence in the record of the historian. Does the gentleman with to stigmatize the history of the political events of 1776? Or does he believe that these events will be handed down in affociation with the bloody bouys, and Porcupine's works? Perhaps he has formed from his own mind a proper selection for our children; and is against the prefs handing down any thing else?

MR. HARPER said, that the gentleman from Virginia had mistated what he had said. He had cast no reflection on the state of Virginia; but had barely stated two instances of statues overthrown and destroyed, to illustrate their frailty.

During the preceding debate Mr. Thornton stated that the Committee to whom this subject had been committed, had obtained several estimates; among which was one in writing by Dr. Thornton, which states with confidence, that the expense of an Equestrian Statue would not exceed from 8 000 to 15,000 pounds currency.

After some remarks from Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Lyon, the YEAS and NAYS were taken on engrossing the bill, and were as follow: yeas 44, noes 40.

YEAS.

Messrs. Baer, Bartlett, J. Brown, Champlin, Cooper, Craik, F. Davenport, Dennis, Dent, Dickfon, Edmond, Evans, Fodery, Freeman, Glen, Goodie, G. Goodrich, E. Goodrich, Grifwold, Grove, Harper, Henderfon, Hill, Hager, Imlay, Kittera, H. Lee, Morris, Nott, Otis, Fuckney, Platts, Powell, J. Reed, N. Reed, Rutledge, J. C. Smith, Tenney, Thatcher, J. G. Thomas, R. Thomas, Wadsworth, L. Williams, Woods. 44.

NAYS.

Messrs. Alston, Bailey, Bird, Bishop, R. Brown, Christie, Clay, Claiborne, Condit, J. Davenport, Davis, Dawson, Eggleston, Claiborne, Gaston, Gray, Gregg, Hanna, Heister, Holmes, Jackson, Kitchell, Leib, Lyon, Lam, Macon, Muhlenberg, Randolph, Sheppard, F. Smilie, Smith, Spaugh, Stanford, Sumter, Talliaferro, Thompson A. Trigg, J. Trigg, Tazewell, Van Cortlandt, Varnum. 40.

The third reading of the bill was fixed for Thursday week, when the house adjourned to Tuesday the 30th.

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City of Washington. December 12, 1800 tf

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W. P.

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A. LINDO.

December, 22. tw 3t

Notice is Given

THAT I shall attend at the Eastern Branch Ferry on Monday, the 29th inst. for the purpose of renting the Filling Landing, if any perfon thould want to rent it, with whom I am not acquainted, security will be required.

JOHN WALLACE, of Wm.

December 22, 1800.

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December 22. 3t

Thomas Carpenter,

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☞ Two apprentices wanted.

Washington, Dec 22. tf.

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Cit of Washington, Nov 14. 3t

THE SUBSCRIBER

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WILLIAM TONKIN.

December 23. eotf.

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December 22.

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Nov. 28, 1800.

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Nov. 26th, 1800. 4t

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December 17, 1800. 3t

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HENRY EAGLE.

November 24th, 1800.

RAN AWAY

FROM the Subscriber on the 20th inst. Negro FRIDAY, well known about the City, and it is thought he is Lurking about Mrs. Young's where he has a wife. I will give a generous reward for having him put in Jail, and One Dollar for flogging him and bringing him home. All perfons are alfo forewarned from crediting any perfon on my Account, without an order from under my hand, and alfo from Harbouring my People, or permitting them to crofs the Ferries without a ticket from,

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St. Elizabeth, Dec. 15, 1800. 3t

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